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1. Nationalist General HU Su (胡素) arrived in Hong Kong recently to retire because he believes that the Nationalists are unable to hold Taiwan. HU, who was formerly commander of the Nanchang Garrison and who moved his troops to Taiwan, long has been subordinate to CHIANG Ching-kuo.
2. HU says that lack of manpower will defeat the Nationalists, because the Taiwanese are resisting conscription and there is no other source for replacements. Although the first two or three attacks of the Communists against Taiwan might fail, heavy casualties will be inflicted on the Nationalists who have no replacements, so the Communists will succeed eventually. The Chingmen attack, where the Nationalists suffered 30,000 casualties, is a good example.

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